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LETTER DATED 13 MAY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft continued their violations of Iraqi national airspace for purposes of surveillance and provocation during the period 6 to 10 May 1993.

6 May 1993

(a) Northern region: 26 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 10,000 metres, centred on Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Amadiyah and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 28 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred on Basra, Samawah, Nasiriyah, Amarah and Busayyah.

7 May 1993

(a) Northern region: 36 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 8,000 metres, centred on Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Amadiyah and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 28 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 10,000 metres, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Ushbayjah, Qal'at Sukkar, Busayyah and Qurnah.

8 May 1993

(a) Northern region: 22 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,500 to 8,000 metres, centred on Mosul, Zakho, Dohuk, Irbil, Ayn Zalah, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 42 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 10,000 metres, centred on Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Khidr, Nasiriyah, Shatrah, Samawah, Busayyah, Salman, Jalibah and Artawi.

9 May 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile air activity was reported in the region on this day.

(b) Southern region: 46 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 10,000 metres, centred on Nasiriyah, Salman, Samawah, Basra, Shatrah and Busayyah.

10 May 1993

(a) Northern region: 15 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,000 metres, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 20 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and altitudes of 8,000 to 9,000 metres, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Salman, Jalibah, Qal'at Salih and Busayyah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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